



REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE VII

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MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the REC VII Board of Directors was held at the REC 7 Board Room on March 07, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President-Proxy
Gene Strickland, Vice President
Greg Slover, Secretary
Dwain Haynes, Member
April Williams, Executive Director/REC VII
Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII

Guests: Sue Haynes-Eunice Public Schools
Dustin Loftis-Proxy for Jal Public Schools
Tatum Academic Team-Zoom

The meeting was called to order @ 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Strickland.

AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Loftis for approval of Consideration of Agenda (03/07/2024); motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mr. Slover to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (02/08/2024); motion unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Entitlement, Preschool, Title II, Medicaid, REC Operational, Pre-K, and State Directed Activities (February 2024)

DWAIN HAYNES
Superintendent
Eunice Public Schools

GENE STRICKLAND
Superintendent
Hobbs Municipal Schools

BRIAN SNIDER
Superintendent
Jal Public Schools

GREG SLOVER
Superintendent
Tatum Municipal Schools

**CONSIDERATION OF
APPROVAL OF SKYWARD
STUDENT 3 YEAR
SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Motion by Mr. Loftis for approval of 3-year Service Agreement with Skyward for their student information system for Eunice, Jal and Tatum; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF
APPROVAL OF INCREASE
BARS FOR CARRY-OVER
ALLOCATIONS**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Increase Bars for Carry-Over Allocations to budget for 23-24. Bars will be presented at the following board meeting; motion unanimously carried.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director Discussion:

1. Medicaid Information for February 2024.
2. Parent Square Presentation-We are happy to have Amy Serrano here to provide and overview of Parent Square. Amy will send pricing packages to Executive Director via email.
3. Academic Competition-State competition was held March 4-5, 2024 in Albuquerque. Teams were represented from Tatum and Hobbs. Tatum won the state championship against Texico and Hobbs took third place. We are very happy for our winners. I received text messages from other directors congratulating Region 7. The students were also complemented on their manners and behavior during the competition.
4. Dr. Cage Visit-Meeting with Dr. Cage and directors in order to review mission and vision for the RECs. I have enclosed an agenda from that meeting in your folders. The directors also developed a letter indicating the scope of work within the RECs and the percentage of students impacted by that work. That is also in your packet. Veteran directors discussed the establishment of the RECs and their roles in providing services for member districts. Dr. Cage asked questions regarding the definition of "Member Districts" as well as how all services were designed and structured within the REC. She indicated that she previously sat in on a training and there was some misinformation being provided; therefore, they do not want districts to be confused and do not want districts to think that the information is being provided by the OSE. She requested that calendars of events be shared with the OSE. In addition, it was suggested that a vendor list be developed between the OSE and RECs in order to ensure that both entities have an awareness of the presenters. She requested that the OSE meet with the RECs on a quarterly basis in order to have collaboration. I offered to host a meeting and also have Dr. Cage and staff go to rural districts during the visit. We are scheduled for November. The first meeting will be held in Albuquerque during the week of Spring Budget where we will review SDAA funding. Damon Terry will host a meeting in May and Bryan Dooley will host in August. The OSE asked about the RECs role in literacy and specifically asked questions regarding the grant for ECLIPSE and want a clear definition of what it is, etc. Overall, it was indicated that contracts and scope of work will change.

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Upcoming Trainings/Events

- A. Legal Counsel Call March 11, 2024 8:00 am
- B. Secretary Call-March 21, 2024 9:00 am
- C. Spring Break March 18-22, 2024 REC7 Closed
- D. Spring Budget Workshop March 20-22, 2024 Albuquerque
- E. Good Friday March 29, 2024 REC7 Closed
- F. Choose Resilience Conference April 15-16, 2024 Tamaya Resort
- G. Next Meeting Scheduled for April 11, 2024

Additional Informational Items:

Bobbie Gutierrez will be retiring as the Executive Director of RECs. She has offered to continue helping throughout this semester but will be fading out so that she can spend more time with family.

Classes for Chief Procurement Officer have been completed by the Executive Director.

Reminder to get with historians in your district in order to provide the REC with pictures of buildings past and present.

Choose Resilience-This is an upcoming conference to be held April 15-16, 2024 and is hosted by Central Regional Education Cooperative. This conference is funded by Special Education. The presentations will have information guided towards children who receive those services. Other topics may include social-emotional components and early literacy components that follow the Science of Reading and/or Structured Literacy. There are only a few spaces left for the conference. Please see email in your folder.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 03/07/2024 was adjourned at 10:56 a.m., motioned by Mr. Haynes; motion unanimously carried.



April Williams

REC VII Executive Director



Brian Snider

REC VII Board President